

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An on-line financial information service system based on a distributed system architecture, comprising:
 - ~~at least one financial information~~ a first server for processing financial information requests;
 - ~~an identification~~ a name for said financial information first server;
 - ~~at least one data server~~ a second server for processing requests for data from said financial information first server for processing financial information requests;
 - an electronic financial information request from a client;
 - ~~at least one identification~~ a third server for processing said electronic financial information request from said client by locating said financial information first server, in accordance with said name for said first financial information server identification; and
 - ~~a communication link between said client and~~ financial data obtained from said financial information first server associated with said financial information first server identification name and transferred to said client for presentation to a user.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said ~~identification is a name for said financial information server~~ third server is accessible via a web server.
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said client is selected from the group consisting of personal computer applications, web browsers, text-terminals, and voice telephony applications and ~~said financial information server~~ communicate in accordance with a binary interface.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3 wherein said ~~communication link between said client and said financial information~~ first server is determined in accordance with said binary interface a financial object server.
5. (Currently Amended) A system for interfacing a client to one of a plurality of ~~financial information servers~~ for processing financial information requests, comprising:
 - a name for each one of said plurality of ~~financial information servers~~ for processing financial information requests;
 - a name server for storing pairs of said name and financial information server pairs for processing financial information requests;
 - a financial information service request from said client;
 - ~~a first communication link between said client and said name server for transferring a name associated with said financial information request for locating in said name server said one of said plurality of financial information servers to said name server and for transferring a location for processing said financial information request said financial information server associated with said name to said client; and~~
 - ~~a second communication link between said client and said financial information server with said location~~ financial data obtained from said server for processing said financial information request with said name and transferred to said client for presentation to a user.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5 wherein said client is selected from the group consisting of personal computer applications, web browsers, text-

~~terminals, and voice telephony applications and said financial information server communicate in accordance with a binary interface.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6 wherein said one of said plurality servers for processing said financial information request is a financial object server~~communication link between said client and said financial information server is determined in accordance with said binary interface.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A system method for processing financial information requests, comprising the steps of:

associating a name with each of a plurality of financial information servers for processing financial information requests;

storing in a name server said names associated with said servers and locations for said servers for processing financial information requests;

generating a financial information request, said request generated by a client;

transmitting said financial information request to a said name server;

looking up at said name server a location for one of said plurality of financial information servers for processing financial information requests;

establishing a communication link between said client and obtaining financial data from a financial information server for processing financial information requests at said location;

transferring said financial data to said client; and

presenting said financial data to a user of said client.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of establishing a

~~communication link comprises the step of establishing a communication link in accordance with a binary interface between said client and said financial information server at said location~~obtaining financial data from a server for processing financial information requests comprises obtaining financial data from a data server in communication with said server for processing financial information requests.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said unique identification includes a unique name for each of said financial information servers~~ transmitting said financial information request to said name server comprises transmitting said financial information request to a web server.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein ~~said unique identification includes a unique address for each of said financial information servers~~ presenting said financial data to a user of said client comprises presenting said financial data in a client selected from the group consisting of personal computer applications, web browsers, text-terminals, and voice telephony applications.
12. (Cancelled)
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